

IN BRIEF

STATE

Drug kingpin sentenced during closed Texas hearing

HOUSTON (AP) — A drug kingpin who once headed one of Mexico's most notoriously violent cartels was sentenced to 25 years in prison Wednesday and ordered to forfeit \$50 million, prosecutors announced after a closed hearing in Houston.

Osiel Cardenas-Guillen had previously pleaded guilty to five counts, including drug trafficking. In exchange, prosecutors dropped 12 other counts that could have netted him a possible life sentence if convicted.

Investigators believe at its height,

Cardenas-Guillen's cartel had cells in Houston, Chicago, Atlanta and elsewhere and moved four to six tons of cocaine per month into the United States.

Cardenas-Guillen's case has been shrouded in secrecy since he was extradited to the United States in 2007. Both prosecutors and defense attorneys have declined to discuss the case and most of the court documents have been sealed. A trial set for last September was canceled without explanation just weeks before its scheduled start.

NATION

Colo. gunman had grown increasingly erratic

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — The man accused of wounding two middle school students in a community still haunted by the Columbine massacre had become increasingly erratic in recent weeks, yelling at imaginary friends and complaining that eating macaroni and cheese made too much noise, his father said Wednesday.

Investigators are looking into the bizarre behavior of 32-year-old Bruno Strong Eagle Eastwood as they try to figure out why the unemployed ranch hand allegedly showed up at his old school and started firing at students in the parking lot before being tackled by a math teacher.

Eastwood's father described his son's recent strange behavior in an interview with The Associated Press at his ranch outside Denver.

The older man said that his son used to talk to himself a lot, but in the past month, he had begun yelling. The younger man also complained that the refrigerator was too loud and that certain foods made too much noise, his father said.

Others said Eastwood would show up at a nearby gas station to buy cigarettes, but was often 20 or 30 cents short, and would mumble to himself as he read the sports section the newspaper.

WORLD

Anti-American bloc gains ground ahead of Iraq vote

BAGHDAD (AP) — The political movement of Iraq's best-known anti-American cleric has emerged as a major contender in next month's national elections, raising the possibility that the next prime minister could be openly hostile to the U.S. and friendly toward Iran.

A prime minister loyal to Muqtada al-Sadr might push the U.S. military to speed up its withdrawal timetable and pose a threat to future military and economic cooperation between the United States and Iraq.

Such a choice also could undermine efforts to reconcile Iraq's religious groups, with memories still fresh of brutal sectarian warfare between al-Sadr's Shiite militiamen and Sunni extremists.

The United States looks to the March 7 election as a key step to ce-

ment Iraq's infant democracy.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's alliance, backed by the powers of incumbency, has been widely viewed as the bloc that would emerge with the largest number of seats.

But al-Maliki's standing has been hurt by a series of horrific bombings in central Baghdad that exposed the inadequacies of Iraq's security forces. The lack of tangible improvement in basic services and allegations of corruption have further hurt his chances.

Al-Maliki's coalition is facing a tough challenge from a rival Shiite bloc, the religiously oriented Iraqi National Alliance. The main partners in this bloc are the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council, or SIIC, and the Sadrist.

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Tech Teaching Academy selects new members

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Almost a dozen teachers joined the ranks of the more than 200 member Texas Tech Teaching Academy within the last year to recognize their excellence in teaching and to help them move forward in promoting teaching improvement.

The academy is composed of members from various departments on campus who must first be nominated by a current member of the academy before they are selected.

"It is a great honor to have been nominated and then elected to the Teaching Academy," said Jennifer Bard, Alvin R. Allison Professor of Law and director of the Health Law Program. "It serves an important role in supporting the teaching mission of the university."

Bard was nominated by law professors Robert A. Weninger and Brian Shannon, and was selected as a new member of the academy in October.

After the teachers are nominated, they are reviewed by a selection committee, which makes its decision based on evidence of sustained teaching excellence at Tech, according to the academy Web site.

New members also must be full-time tenured or tenure-acquiring faculty who

have been at Tech for a minimum of three years.

"It is the mission of the Teaching Academy to recognize those doing an outstanding job at the university," said Audra Morse, interim chairwoman of the Executive Council of the Teaching Academy.

The central idea of the academy, according to the Web site, is that effective teachers, working through an honorary and service-oriented collective, can have a significant impact on an institution's pursuit of teaching excellence.

William Lan, department chairman for the Educational Psychology and Leadership Department and next chairman of the executive council of the academy, said it is trying to do this by focusing on six special interest groups and new teaching resources.

"One resource we developed is a

database where those who have problems with teaching can come and talk with experts who have had the same problems," he said. "We created the database so that others could submit examples of good teaching and teachers can see how other professors are dealing with their problems."

Morse said another resource being developed is a mentor program between professors and graduate students.

"This is for teaching assistants mainly," Lan said. "It's a way to help improve their teaching and to help them put together applications for when they finish school."

Lan said the goal is to make the interest groups more active on campus and to provide opportunities for events that the academy can participate in.

New members of the academy are able to start working on these interest

groups as soon as they are approved for the academy.

"I look forward to becoming more involved in the academy's activities directed toward bringing together teaching resources so that they are available for faculty in all parts of the university," Bard said.

Other new members to the academy are Karen Alexander, assistant professor in the Department of Applied and Professional Studies; Scott Burris, assistant professor from the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication; Malinda Colwell, associate professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies; Steven Crooks, associate professor of Instructional Technology; Idoia Elola, assistant professor in the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literature; Paul Goebel, professor of finance; Jeff Johnson, assistant professor of agricultural sciences and natural resources; Phillip Johnson, associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communications; Peter Martens, assistant professor in the School of Music; Comfort Pratt, assistant professor in the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures; and Kevin Wass, associate professor in the School of Music.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Tech police reports four on-campus accidents Tuesday

Feb. 18
8:20 a.m., theft of textbooks in the Mechanical Engineering Building.
10:15 a.m., criminal trespass at the University Library.
2:15 p.m., medical call at the University Greenhouses.
2:47 p.m., theft of a textbook in the Mechanical Engineering Building.
2:52 p.m., possession of drug paraphernalia and multiple valid driver's licenses in Coleman Residence Hall.
3:55 p.m., theft of a mountain bicycle at Bledsoe Residence Hall.
4:13 p.m., accident without injuries in the Z1-C parking lot.
7:12 p.m., possession of marijuana in Weymouth Residence Hall.

Feb. 19
2:00 a.m., criminal mischief in Murdough Residence Hall.

3:02 a.m., criminal mischief in Murdough Residence Hall.
8:05 a.m., theft of keys at Sam's Place in the Wall/Gates Residence Hall.
11:19 a.m., possession of marijuana in the F-3 parking lot at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.
1:40 p.m., theft of a backpack at the Student Union Building.
7:26 p.m., possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of alcohol by a minor in Coleman Residence Hall.

Feb. 20
2:00 a.m., criminal mischief in Sneed Residence Hall.
2:39 a.m., criminal mischief in Chitwood Residence Hall.
2:40 a.m., theft of an exit sign in Weymouth Residence Hall.
3:04 a.m., public intoxication in Chitwood Residence Hall.

4:18 a.m., criminal mischief in Chitwood Residence Hall.
4:58 a.m., damage to university property in Weymouth Residence Hall.
12:37 p.m., medical call in Sneed Residence Hall.
2:24 p.m., theft of a flashlight and iPod from a vehicle in the Z2-B parking lot.
10:00 p.m., theft of a toilet paper dispenser in Coleman Residence Hall.
10:00 p.m., criminal mischief in Coleman Residence Hall.
11:44 p.m., criminal mischief in Weymouth Residence Hall.

Feb. 21
2:18 a.m., criminal mischief in Murdough Residence Hall.
2:10 p.m., medical call in the Flint Avenue Parking Garage.
2:51 p.m., accident without injuries in the R-7 parking lot.

Feb. 22
7:40 a.m., theft of three signs from Entry Station No. 4.
9:38 a.m., possession of alcohol by a minor in the Z5-C parking lot.
10:07 a.m., citation for criminal trespass.
4:14 p.m., accident without injuries in the C-11 parking lot.
11:43 p.m., criminal mischief in Coleman Residence Hall.

Feb. 23
3:14 p.m., accident without injuries in the Flint Avenue Parking Garage.
5:00 p.m., accident without injuries in the C-11 parking lot.
6:56 p.m., accident without injuries in the Z3-J parking lot.
8:56 p.m., accident without injuries in the R-1 parking lot.

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Senate votes to extend USA Patriot Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted Wednesday to extend for a year key provisions of the nation's counterterrorism surveillance law that are scheduled to expire at the end of the month.

In agreeing to pass the bill, Senate Democrats retreated from adding new privacy protections to the USA Patriot Act.

The Senate approved the bill on a voice vote with no debate. It now goes to the House.

Three important sections of the Patriot Act are to expire at the end of this month.

One authorizes court-approved roving wiretaps that permit surveillance on multiple phones. A second allows court-approved seizure of records and property in anti-terrorism operations. A third permits surveillance against a so-called lone wolf, a non-U.S. citizen suspected of engaging in terrorism who may not be part of a recognized terrorist group.

Toyota chief blasted by lawmakers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under blistering criticism, Toyota President Akio Toyoda personally and repeatedly apologized to Congress and millions of anxious American car-owners Wednesday for deadly defects in popular models produced by his Japanese company. But angry lawmakers forcefully declared it was hardly enough.

"Where is the remorse?" scolded Rep. Marcy Kaptur, D-Ohio. And Republican John Mica of Florida held aloft what he called an "absolutely appalling" Toyota report bragging of defusing a safety investigation.

Of Toyoda's apology, Kaptur said, "I do not think it reflects significant remorse for those who have died." Federal safety officials have received reports linking 34 deaths in the United States to safety defects in Toyota cars and

trucks over the past decade.

"I extend my sincerest condolences to them from the bottom of my heart," responded Toyoda, grandson of the founder of the world's largest auto company. "I'm deeply sorry for any accident that Toyota drivers have experienced."

But what's most important to American drivers — and what lawmakers pressed Toyoda and a top aide to provide — was a better explanation for slow actions to deal with the defects and believable assurances the problems that led to sudden unintended accelerations will be fixed. Toyoda said those changes are being made nearly around the clock, but he repeated the company's insistence that there is no link to the cars' electronic systems.

Many drivers filing complaints with Toyota and the government say their acceleration problems had nothing to do with floor mat inter-

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Police capture escaped zebra in downtown Atlanta

ATLANTA (AP) — An Atlanta highway turned into a circus Thursday afternoon when an escaped zebra galloped along a busy section of interstate with police in hot pursuit.

The 12-year-old animal, named Lima, was exercising outside a downtown arena in preparation for an evening show when something spooked him, said Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus spokeswoman Crystal Drake. The zebra broke away from his trainers and bumped up against a fence, then wriggled through an opening.

"We're not sure what it was that

startled him, but we're looking into that," she said.

He was spotted by people in downtown Atlanta around 4:30 p.m., said Georgia Department of Transportation spokeswoman Monica Luck.

Daniel Nance said he saw the zebra near the downtown MARTA transit station.

"All of a sudden a freaking zebra comes running down the street like a car," Nance told The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. "Five or six police cars were in hot pursuit. And a bunch of officers on foot. But then I got scared, thinking ... what else is loose?"

Md. lawmaker: Ban first-cousin marriage as unsafe

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — A Maryland state legislator says it's time to ban marriages between first cousins and stop playing what he calls "genetic roulette" with their offspring.

Henry Heller, a Democratic delegate, or state representative, says he wants to bring Maryland "into the enlightened world of other states such as West Virginia and Arkansas" that already prohibit unions of first cousins.

Heller is a retired special education administrator. He says couples who are first cousins are at an increased risk of having a child with birth defects.

The bill would make an exception for people who are over age 65 or infertile. Heller says he has "no problem" with those couples if they want the companionship.

There are 24 states that prohibit marriage between first-cousins.

Bandits rob delivery man of chicken wings in Ga.

COLUMBUS, Ga. (AP) — Police in Georgia are searching for a pair of hungry bandits who stole an order of chicken wings from a pizza delivery driver.

Columbus Police say the 19-year-old Domino's driver was approached outside a home Tuesday

night by two men who asked for money. One of the men pointed a chrome pistol.

Police say one of the men then said, "give me the wings." They fled the scene with the \$36 order.

No cash was taken and the driver was not injured.

Montana convenience store bans hoodies, ski masks

MISSOULA, Mont. (AP) — A Montana convenience store manager who is tired of being robbed has expanded the "no shoes, no shirt, no service" dress code to include a ban on hoodies and ski masks.

Joe Salisbury is the longtime manager of Noon's convenience store in Missoula. He decided to post a sign on the door telling customers that no hooded sweat shirts or ski masks are allowed after a rash

of robberies by hoodie-wearing thieves.

Salisbury says several times over the past two weeks, late-night visitors wearing hoodies have dashed into his store to swipe a couple of cases of beer, sometimes making repeat visits wearing the same sweat shirts.

Salisbury says the ski mask ban goes without saying, but he had room on the sign and so added it on anyway.

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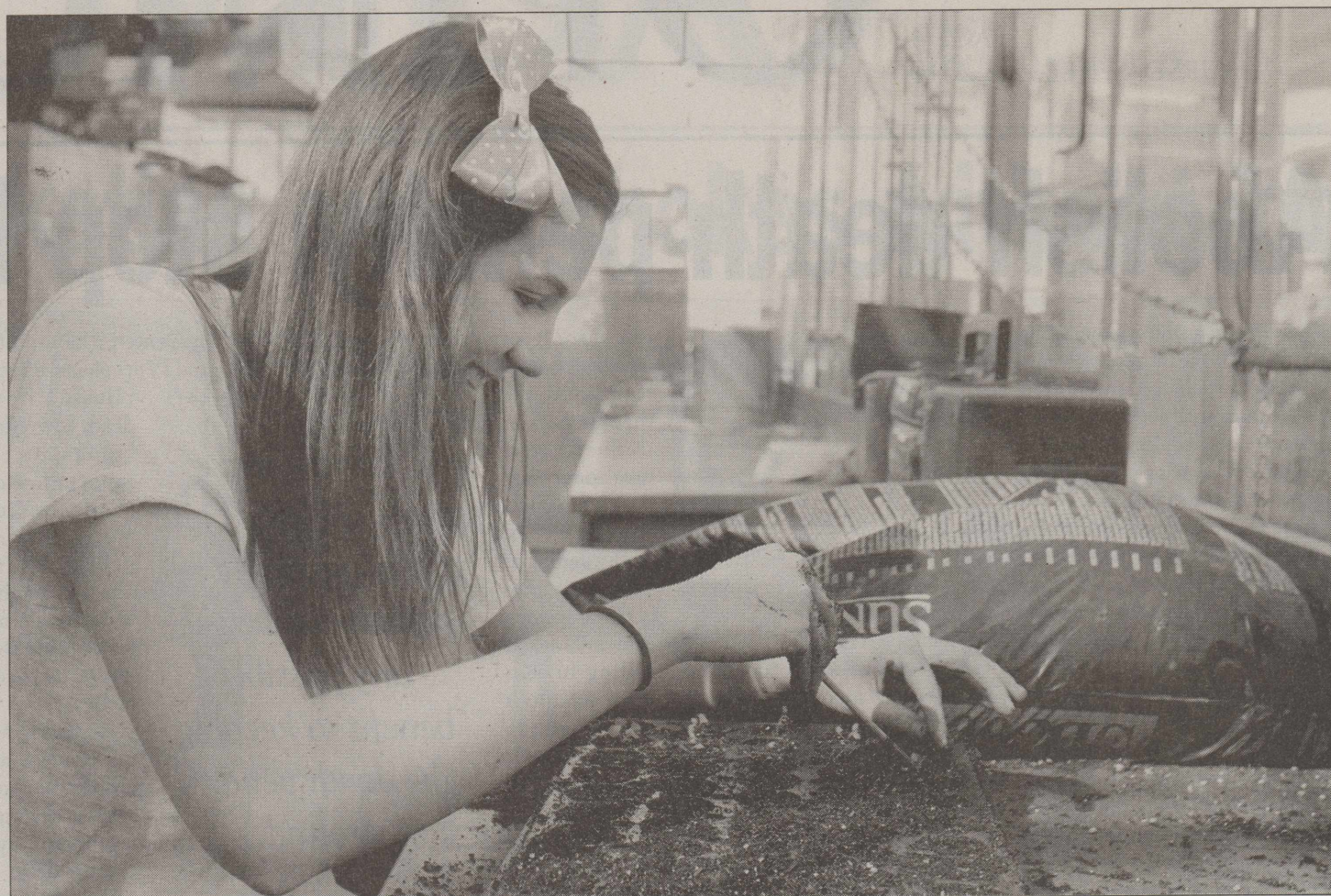


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NATALIE KINCY, A sophomore horticulture major from Dallas, plants salvia seedlings Tuesday in the horticulture greenhouse.

SGA

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Both candidates said they wanted to bring back Tech-Lubbock Community Day and look into adding a second Tech Terrace trolley.

Candidates for internal vice president discussed distinctions on ways to lead the student senate.

Jenny Mayants, the former president of the Freshman Council, said she would attend every committee meeting as a way to ensure committees are held accountable. She said she also would implement a module on the SGA Web site where Tech students can see and

read all legislation and be able to voice their opinion on it.

"With the module, when we as senators vote yes or no, we know what you want," Mayants said.

Roshan Sharma, a senator-at-large, said he would not implement a module because of possible budget fees and said he would ensure committees meet as they are supposed to by getting to know committee chairs and setting criteria for improvement since he could not go to all committee meetings.

Candidate for graduate vice president discussed ways to bridge gaps between the Tech School of Law and Graduate School as well as ways to increase graduate school retention at Tech.

Mac Smith, who has served as the Student Government Association liaison to the Tech School of Law Student Bar Association, said he is "uniquely" qualified for the position of graduate vice president and will be able to bridge the gaps between the graduate and law schools because of relationships with both.

"I have deep relationships with the law school, and I am also a graduate student," Smith said. "So I can use these relationships to help relations between the two."

He said some of the ways retention can be improved are increased scholarship opportunities and making sure graduate students are happy at Tech.

Deepali Butani, committee chair-

woman for Graduate Affairs and Graduate Council, said she would be able to bridge the gaps by attending Student Organization Representative Council meetings and trying to get the law and graduate schools to these meetings.

"I will make sure the gaps are reduced and both have a good relationship with each other for the future," Butani said.

She has been working to increase employment from nine months to 12 months for graduate students, she said, in order to improve retention for graduate students.

Voting for SGA elections are on March 2 and March 3. The election is open to all Tech students.

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Crime

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Stevens said the Lubbock Police Department has received much criticism surrounding the event.

Many Lubbock residents complain

about the relaxed nature of police presence in Tech Terrace, he said. Formerly, Lubbock police patrolled the area in search of criminal activity but were accused of "Gestapo-like" methods.

"These kind of things are cyclic," he said. As part of city zoning ordinances,

Stevens said, no more than two unrelated individuals may live together in a single-family dwelling.

He said although the ordinance is not intended to target any one issue, it likely has had some effect in controlling the prevalence of issues like the incident

Saturday night.

People who answered the door at 3202 22nd St. declined to comment and residents of the Gusendorf house did not answer the door or phone calls from The Daily Treador.

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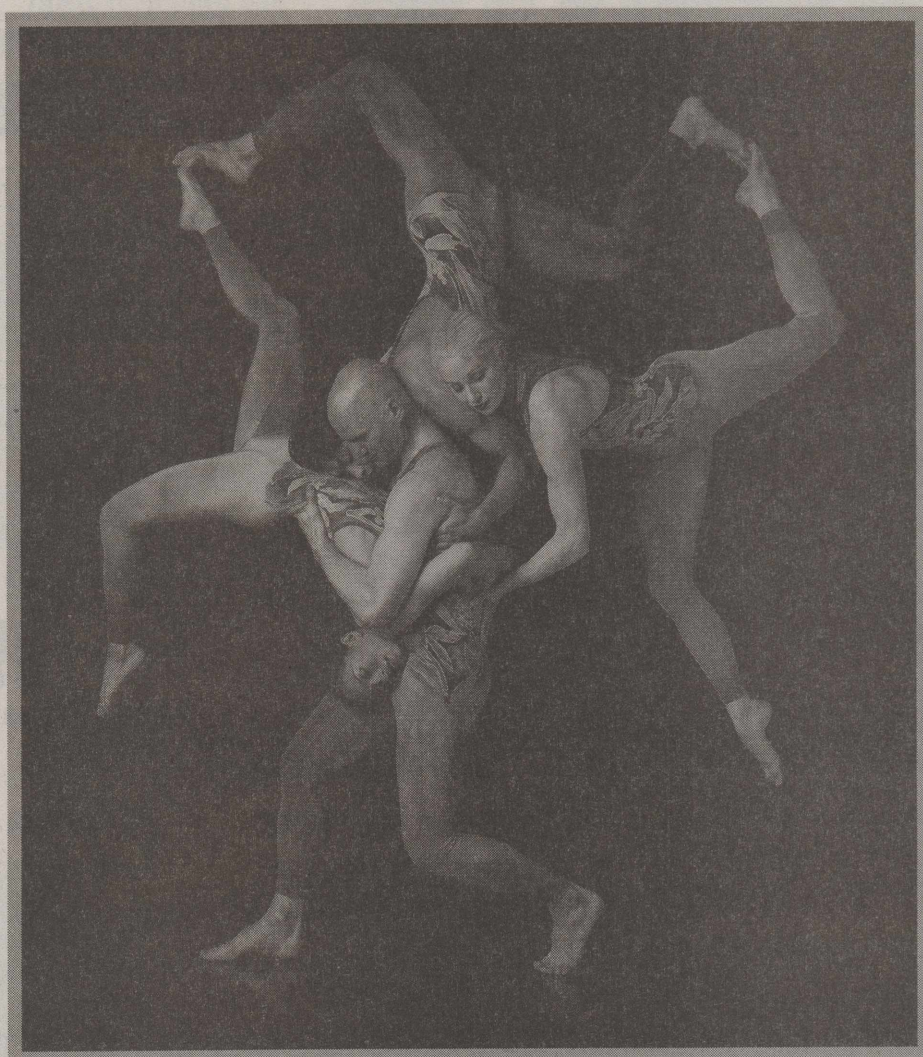
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Abolish death penalty, stop killing innocent

Our justice system is by no means perfect. Many crimes go unreported and the ones that get reported are often never settled, leaving victims to wonder what happened to their property. It's the sad truth.

Often when our justice system fails us, people who get mugged are unable to retrieve their property or a wrongly accused traffic violator is inconvenienced by having to show up to court a few times.

Although I do not want to diminish the impact of other scenarios (such as rape and assault) where the justice system fails us, what happens when the justice system's failure causes the death of an innocent person?

On March 24 (a date that could have been Feb. 24 but was pushed back due to legality issues) Texas could do exactly that.

Hank Skinner, a man convicted

Paul Williamson



of murdering three people, has been asking for DNA testing to prove his innocence. And of course Texas has stymied those efforts.

This raises a couple of questions: If it is possible for our tax dollars to go toward the killing of an innocent human being, why do they not just do the DNA test to prove the guilt? Also, if it is possible for our tax dollars to go toward the killing of an innocent man, then why have the death penalty at all?

Why would the government not want to test DNA evidence (which is available in this case) to make sure they are not killing an inno-

cent man? It seems to be the most intuitive thing for our justice system to do and yet they are not.

Sure, it'll take some time but for a man who has been on death row for 15 years, is it really that big of a deal to hold on killing him to make sure he is guilty? Seems to me the benefit outweighs any possible costs.

DNA is used all the time to prove guilt or innocence in today's cases. Why can it not be used to prove innocence post convictions?

According to the Death Penalty

Information Center, a non-profit organization, 139 people have been released from death row after being proven innocent after their convictions. These people literally were on the brink of being killed with the use of taxpayer money.

If this does not give you an absolutely unsettling feeling, you need psychiatric help.

Just the mere threat we could kill an innocent person outweighs any possible benefit to keeping the death penalty around. That is the end of discus-

sion for me. DNA testing has been found to be unreliable sometimes due to human error. In Houston, the crime lab was proven to be a complete mess and many DNA tests were wrong.

My opposition has less to do with the fact the government is sponsoring the killing of another human and more to do with the fact it sponsors the killing of innocent people no matter how indirectly it does it.

Some will argue the death penalty acts as a deterrent against murder, but I think that is flawed. First of all, it takes so long for the punishment to be handed down that the deterrent factor is often mitigated, and as a society we are so numb to death because of news and media reports we think nothing of it. Also, numbers do not lie. The Death Penalty Information Center reports murder rates are lower in

non-death penalty states than those with death penalty states.

Also, I assume people do not tend to rationally think through their act to commit a murder and if they do, often do it to not get caught. So the thought of punishment does not cross their mind.

In the end, the death penalty only carries with it a risk of killing innocent people while providing no true value to our society. Life without parole is the most efficient and best option to deal with murderers. It provides justice without the expense of killing to innocent.

Death is irreversible. It is too big of a punishment to put into the hands of other people.

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“Just the mere threat we could kill an innocent person outweighs any possible benefit to keeping the death penalty around.”

Pa. abortion doctor had 2 patients die

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — State authorities cited a recent patient death in suspending the license of a doctor who performed abortions, but one of dozens of civil lawsuits filed against him said a woman died from a botched abortion in 2000.

Dr. Kermit Gosnell's license was temporarily suspended this week after investigators found blood on the floor, fetus parts in jars and a recovery area consisting of recliners.

Gosnell, 69, is named in nearly four dozen lawsuits going back 20 years. Ten are malpractice suits, including one by the family of a young woman who died after a March 2000 abortion at his West Philadelphia clinic.

Semika Shirelle Shaw called the office the day after her abortion because she was bleeding badly but wasn't told to get checked there or at a hospital, according to court documents. The

lawsuit alleged that Shaw, a 22-year-old mother of two, died two days later of a perforated uterus and sepsis.

The attorney who represented Shaw's family, Samuel J. Pace Jr., said neither he nor they could discuss the case because of a confidentiality agreement included in the settlement reached about two years after Shaw's death.

In the order suspending Gosnell's medical license, state officials cited the case of a woman who died Nov. 20 after being given two rounds of painkillers followed by additional medication just before an abortion was performed.

The woman, who was not identified in the Pennsylvania Department of

his sister died after being rushed to a hospital.

A telephone message left Wednesday by The Associated Press at Ghalley's home in Virginia was not immediately returned.

No criminal charges have been filed against Gosnell. His number is unlisted and calls to the clinic have gone unanswered.

Gosnell, who has been licensed as a physician and surgeon in Pennsylvania since 1967, was labeled by state authorities as “an immediate and clear danger to the public” and his clinic was described as “deplorable and unsanitary.”

Regulators said unlicensed employees were left alone to administer prescription medications and perform gynecological exams during the day, and Gosnell typically did not arrive at the clinic until between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Drug Enforcement Administration and FBI agents raided Gosnell's clinic, Women's Medical Society, last week. Officials from both agencies have declined to comment.

The National Abortion Federation, an accrediting and standard-setting body for abortion providers, said the Women's Medical Society wasn't accredited.

“There are places that operate in low-income areas and prey on low-income women, students, immigrant populations who may not even know that abortion is legal in this country,” said Vicki Saporta, the group's president. “Women need to know that there's no reason, no matter their socioeconomic status, for them not to have access to the highest quality care.”

In a statement, Operation Rescue President Troy Newman called the clinic “no better than a back alley abortion mill and in fact may be worse.”

Mother of starved child believes he will live again

BALTIMORE (AP) — For more than a week, Ria Ramkissoon watched passively as her 1-year-old son wasted away, denied food and water because the older woman she lived with said it was God's will.

Javon Thompson was possessed by an evil spirit, Ramkissoon was told, because he didn't say “Amen” during a mealtime prayer. Javon didn't talk much, given his age, but he had said “Amen” before, Ramkissoon testified.

On the day Javon died, Ramkissoon was told to “nurture him back to life.” She mashed up some carrots and tried to feed the boy, but he was no longer able to swallow. Ramkissoon put her hands on his chest to confirm that his heart had stopped beating.

Ramkissoon and several other people knelt down and prayed that he would rise from the dead. For weeks afterward, Ramkissoon spent much of her time in a room with her son's emaciated body — talking to him, dancing, even giving him water. She thought she could bring him back.

Ramkissoon told the tale of her son's excruciating death from the witness stand Wednesday, at the trial of the woman she says told her not to feed the boy. Queen Antoinette was the leader of a small religious cult, according to police and prosecutors, and she faces murder charges alongside her daughter, Trevia Williams, and another follower, Marcus A. Cobbs.

The three are acting as their own attorneys.

Javon died in either December 2006 or January 2007; Ramkissoon isn't sure of the exact date. His body was hidden in a suitcase for more than a year and has since been buried. But even now, she maintains her faith in his resurrection.

“I still believe that my son is coming back,” Ramkissoon said. “I have no problem saying what really happened

because I believe he's coming back.

“Queen said God told her he would come back. I believe it. I choose to believe it,” she said. “Even now, despite everything, I choose to believe it for my reasons.”

Later, she acknowledged that her faith makes her sound crazy. “I don't have a problem sounding crazy in court,” she said.

She was led to the courtroom in handcuffs. She pleaded guilty last year to child abuse resulting in death, agreeing to the deal only under the condition that if Javon is resurrected, the plea will be vacated. Prosecutors and a judge accepted that extraordinary condition, specifying that only a “Jesus-like resurrection” would suffice.

Because Antoinette is representing herself, she was able to cross-examine the young woman who lived with her for two years, much of that time after her son's death.

Antoinette asked whether her statement about not feeding Javon was an order or a “suggestion.”

Ramkissoon said she has consistently told prosecutors and her attorney that she was not forced to starve her son, but she made clear the idea was Antoinette's.

“When I was about to feed him,” Ramkissoon said to Antoinette, “you said, ‘You shouldn't feed him anything,’ and then you told me why. ... I believed you.”

Williams and Cobbs also lived in the home, along with Antoinette's three other children and a childhood friend of Ramkissoon's. No one challenged Antoinette's statement that the boy should not be fed, Ramkissoon said.

Ramkissoon detailed how the group relocated to Philadelphia and brought Javon's body in a suitcase. She described how Javon was packed with sheets and blankets and how she sprayed his body with disinfectant and stuffed the suitcase with fabric softener sheets to mask the odor.

Members of Antoinette's household were told to wear only white, blue and khaki. They left the home only in pairs, and they avoided doctors or hospitals. They destroyed identification cards and had little contact with their families.

Ramkissoon said she often questioned Antoinette's rules and orders but never disobeyed her because she believed her to be “a godly woman.”

“Looking back now,” Ramkissoon told Antoinette, “I won't say that everything you thought was right, was right.”

“Women need to know that there's no reason, no matter their socioeconomic status, for them not to have access to the highest quality care.”

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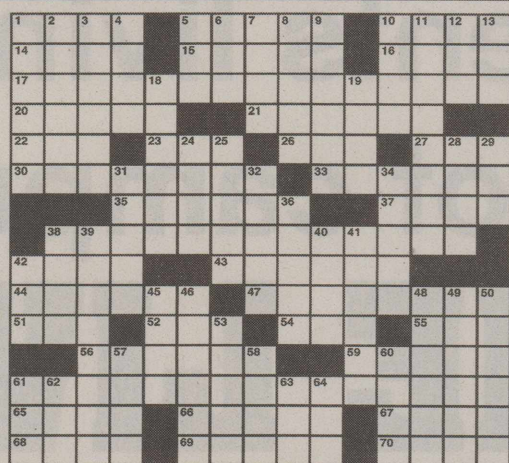
Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

- ACROSS**
- Quick kiss
 - Bond player, seven times
 - Confiscated auto
 - End of a fronton game?
 - Back list
 - Court cry
 - Detectives assigned to unsolved mysteries?
 - Buddy boy
 - Calls, in a way
 - Waste not
 - Navig. guide
 - Quarterback
 - Roethlisberger
 - Stable diet?
 - Soak through
 - Siesta shawl
 - Local groups
 - Start of a theory
 - Intermission queues?
 - Hawaii's “Valley Isle”
 - Midwestern landscape
 - Ring setting
 - Carrying capacities
 - Pavement warning
 - Word processor setting
 - Mad Hatter's drink
 - Fjord relative
 - Like some bio majors
 - Daphne eloped with him on “Frasier”
 - Shower gifts for brie lovers?
 - Word that can precede each word in 17-, 38- and 61-Across
 - Crucial artery
 - Regarding, to counsel
 - Fesses (up)
 - Watch secretly
 - Just a couple

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- Get ready to go



By Gary Steinmehl

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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- Kay Thompson's impish six-year-old
- Mobile maker
- Willing the pirate
- Hamm of soccer
- Switch positions
- River forming part of Germany's eastern border
- Betty Ford Center program
- Oozes out
- Prefix with tiller
- Sleeping aid
- A pop
- Jigger's 11/2: Abbr.
- Clear and convincing
- High Court count
- Poker holding
- Condescend
- Big louts
- House call?
- Partner of words
- Gay leader?
- Unilever laundry soap brand
- Like a whip?
- Train guide
- Continental
- Gin and tonic garnish
- Away from the coast
- Roast hosts, for short
- Sport ___ family vehicles
- Equal to, with “he”
- Actress Dahl
- No-calorie cola
- Gets fresh with
- Dizzy's jazz
- Wine list
- Fishing craft
- Cow-horned goddess
- Comic Margaret
- Cut off
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• This week is a bit of a depressing one. Spring break is still off in the distance, and the weather still sucks. There are two ways to fend off the blues: Sit under those lights Alaskans sit under, or go laugh at comedy night. It's free. The lights aren't.

WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: Student Union Building Allen Theatre
COST: Free

FRIDAY

Chili cookoff

• This chili cookoff will offer something for every chili lover. There are categories for spiciest chili, meatiest chili and best chili overall. It's probably the cheapest dinner you can find on a Friday night as well, unless you include the cost of Tums.

WHEN: 4 p.m.
WHERE: Chapman Field, at 24th Street and Avenue W
COST: \$5 to compete, \$3 to eat

SATURDAY

Black History Month
Knowledge Bowl

• As Black History Month draws to a close, there are still a few events to celebrate. Don't worry if you don't know the difference between Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, this event is free to attend. If black history is your cup of tea, then make sure to register a team.

WHEN: Noon
WHERE: SUB
COST: \$20 per team to register, free to attend

SUNDAY

Hiking trip to
Caprock

• Make sure you check out the pre-trip meeting today, but the hike will take place Sunday. If you think West Texas lacks scenery, this trip will change your mind. Well, at least a little bit.

WHEN: Pre-trip meeting at 6 p.m. today
WHERE: Caprock Canyon State Park
COST: \$25

MONDAY

Jay Gould:

The Participatory Universe

• Work with me here. This photography series involves quantum mechanics and the scientific method used as visual metaphor. What you need to know is there are some sweet photos on display that will totally mess with your mind.

WHEN: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
WHERE: Landmark Arts at the Texas Tech School of Art
COST: Free

TUESDAY

Pilobolus Dance Theatre

• Pilobolus is billed as its own genre in American dance. You should at least make it out to this even to see if you can tell the difference. Even if you don't, you can tell the person you're with there are subtle differences and seem smarter.

WHEN: 8 p.m.
WHERE: Student Union Building Allen Theatre
COST: One free ticket with student ID

WEDNESDAY

Free Car Clinic

• When's the last time you got your oil changed? How about your wiper fluid? Can't remember? Time to hit the car clinic. Car clinics in the past were known to have free hot dogs and friendly technicians telling you what you actually need instead of trying to boggle your mind with car terms. We can only hope the same for this one.

WHEN: 2 p.m.
WHERE: C-17 parking lot
COST: Free

Study: High-fat diets raise stroke risk in women

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A moment on the lips, forever on the hips? A bad figure is hardly the worst of it. Eating a lot of fat, especially the kind that's in cookies and pastries, can significantly raise the risk of stroke for women over 50, a large new study finds.

We already know that diets rich in fat, particularly artery-clogging trans fat, are bad for the heart and the waistline.

The new study is the largest to look at stroke risk in women and across all types of fat. It showed a clear trend: Those who ate the most fat had a 44 percent higher risk of the most common type of stroke compared to those who ate the least.

"It's a tremendous increase that is potentially avoidable," said Dr. Emil Matarrese, stroke chief at St. Mary Medical Center in Langhorne, Penn. "What's bad for the heart is bad for the brain."

He reviewed but did not help conduct the research, which was presented Wednesday at an American Stroke Association conference. It involved 87,230 participants in the Women's Health Initiative, a federally funded study best known for revealing health risks from taking hormone pills for menopause symptoms.

Before menopause, women traditionally have had less risk of stroke than similarly aged men, although this is changing as women increasingly battle obesity and other health problems.

After menopause, the risk rises and the gender advantage disappears, said Dr. Ka He, a nutrition specialist and senior author of the study from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

He and another researcher, Sirin Yaemsiri, wanted to see whether dietary fat affected the odds.

Participants in the study had filled out detailed surveys on their diets when they enrolled, at ages 50 to 79. Researchers put them into four groups based on how much fat they ate, and looked about seven years later to see how many had suffered a stroke caused by clogged blood vessels supplying the brain — the most common kind.

There were 288 strokes in the group of women who consumed the most fat each day (95 grams) versus 249 strokes in the group eating the least fat (25 grams), Yaemsiri told the conference.

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

— John 3:16

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'Bioshock 2' surprises fans with brilliant gameplay

"Bioshock 2" is in an interesting place as far as sequels go. Not only does it have to live up to the enormous acclaim the original game garnered, it is also a sequel nobody really asked for or wanted.

The original "Bioshock" was big for a few reasons. One was the setting. The failed underwater utopia of Rapture provided a brilliant backdrop for both gameplay and narrative.

But the real reason the game struck gold was because of its brilliant story and fantastic narrative delivery. It made a strong argument for the idea that video game plots could provide the kind of depth found in a novel.

It also contained one of the most memorable plot twists in video game history.

But the story wrapped up nicely, and people were satisfied with the package as a whole. No one asked for a sequel.

So when "Bioshock 2" was announced, it actually was met with more groans than cheers. It was almost met with the same sort of disgust as when "Watchmen" fans are presented with an idea to their beloved graphic novel. You just shouldn't do it.

Everybody assumed publisher 2K just wanted to capitalize on the commercial success on the first game. Ken Levine, the mastermind behind the original "Bioshock," wasn't even heavily involved with the sequel. They were also going to add a multiplayer component,

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which seemed to make very little sense.

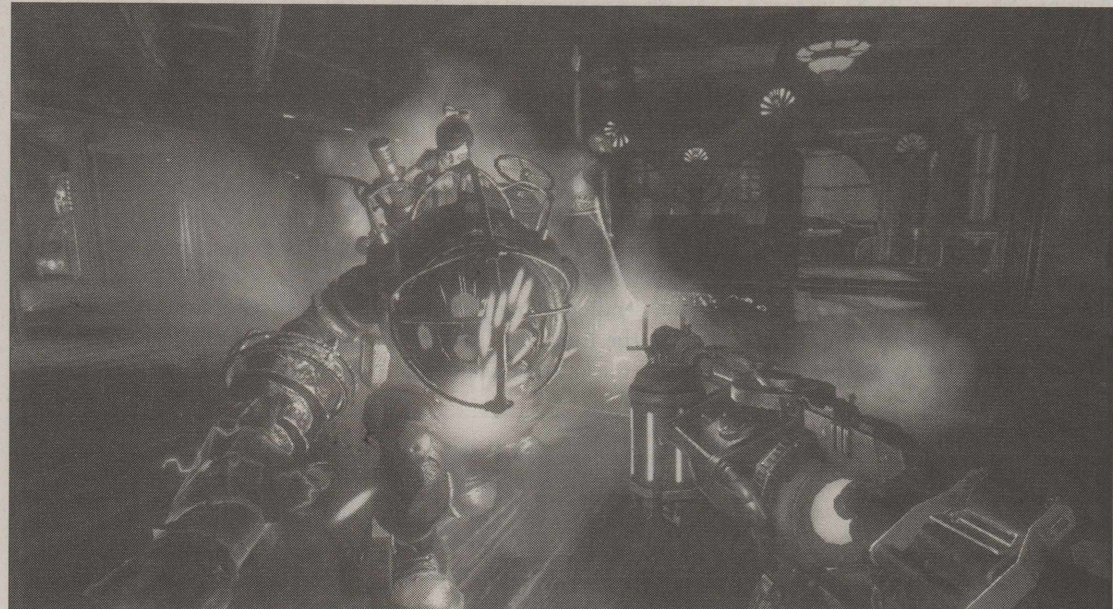
As such, most fans — myself include — were pessimistic about the idea of a sequel.

I'm happy to say, though, we were wrong.

As a game, there's no doubt "Bioshock 2" is a huge improvement. I'll be honest, while I loved the original game, its gameplay was far from its shining gem. I played "Bioshock" every chance I got in order to move forward in its story, not to shoot more enemy splicers. But "Bioshock 2" is different. I actually enjoyed playing it as a game. It's a very pleasing change.

Because the gameplay is such an improvement, it turns out the multiplayer mode is also quite good. This is also a surprise, and one I'm extremely happy with. The multiplayer uses a similar progression system to the extremely popular "Modern Warfare 2," where you gain Adam (the "Bioshock" equivalent of experience points) for playing games, and as you level up you gain access to new weapons and abilities. It makes for a very addictive experience and one I've enjoyed playing.

The multiplayer actually serves as a prequel to the original "Bioshock." This solves an important



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narrative issue, as the "Bioshock" games are known for their often lonely, creepy atmosphere as you wander around the abandoned underwater city. It also provides some fun insight into the fall of Rapture, giving fans a little glimpse into where everything went so wrong in Rapture.

But like the original, the game was going to rise or fall based on its story. And I'm happy to say that it doesn't disappoint.

It's interesting, though. There's no huge "holy crap" twist as in the first game, and diving into Rapture doesn't quite have the same impact as it did the first time you did it. However, the plot feels a lot more focused this time around, providing a very solid narrative.

You play as Subject Delta, a prototype "Big Daddy," one of the most interesting enemy types in the first game. Going into too

much more detail would potentially ruin some of the experience for players, but Delta spends the better part of the game trying to find a specific "Little Sister," also a trademark character of the original "Bioshock."

As a result of the narrative focus, the story ends up being extremely interesting, and it will almost certainly keep you going to find out what happens next. It has a lot of moments fans of the first game will love.

However, I can't help but feel this sequel doesn't quite reach the height of the original, purely because it doesn't feel as important. "Bioshock" was a huge event, heavily hyped and talked

about for months after it was released. "Bioshock 2," while a better game, simply may not have that impact.

All that said, "Bioshock 2" is an extremely solid package with no real flaws I can think of, and it trumps the first game in terms of pure gameplay. I highly recommend it to fans of the original, despite any preconceptions they may have about it. If you haven't played the original, however, don't play this sequel until you have. You'll miss out on far too much.

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Students: TAB skating event chokes without ice

By HALLIE DAVIS
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The ice was fake, the skates were real, and as quickly as students lined up to attend the Tech Activity Board's ice skating event Wednesday they walked away disappointed.

"It was OK, not too great," said Blake Stepan, a junior economics major. "It can't compete with real ice."

Stepan said he was expecting the "rink" to be bigger and slicker, although he was aware that it would be artificial.

The idea for the indoor rink came from an adviser who heard about it at a national conference, said Tarryn Lambert, a TAB member from Austin. The junior public relations and electronic mass communications major said she expected about 300 people to attend the event. Ice skates were free to students with a Tech ID who signed a waiver form, Lambert said.

This was TAB's first year to host this type of event, which used artificial ice.

"I would describe it as waxy puzzle pieces with some kind of liquid on top," Lambert said.

TAB members helped put the interlocking pieces of the rink together in the ballroom. The

artificial ice surface was room temperature and felt similar to surfboard wax, said Amanda Mills, a public relations major and TAB member from the Woodlands.

"It's cheaper, so I guess it's more do-able for TAB," said Neil Curran, a sophomore civil engineering major from Dallas. "It was a little misleading."

Corey White, a freshman history major from Abilene, said he used to play hockey and would've liked to continue at Tech. He said a real ice rink would help a lot.

The Texas Tech Hockey team couldn't agree more.

The hockey team set up a table outside to raise awareness for the need for Lubbock to get a real ice skating rink. The team lost the rink last year due to money issues and now must drive to Odessa, two hours away, for practice and games, said Cait Burnett, a junior early childhood education major from Dallas who is associated with the team.

"If there was a rink, students would have something else to do in their free time," Burnett said. "It would be

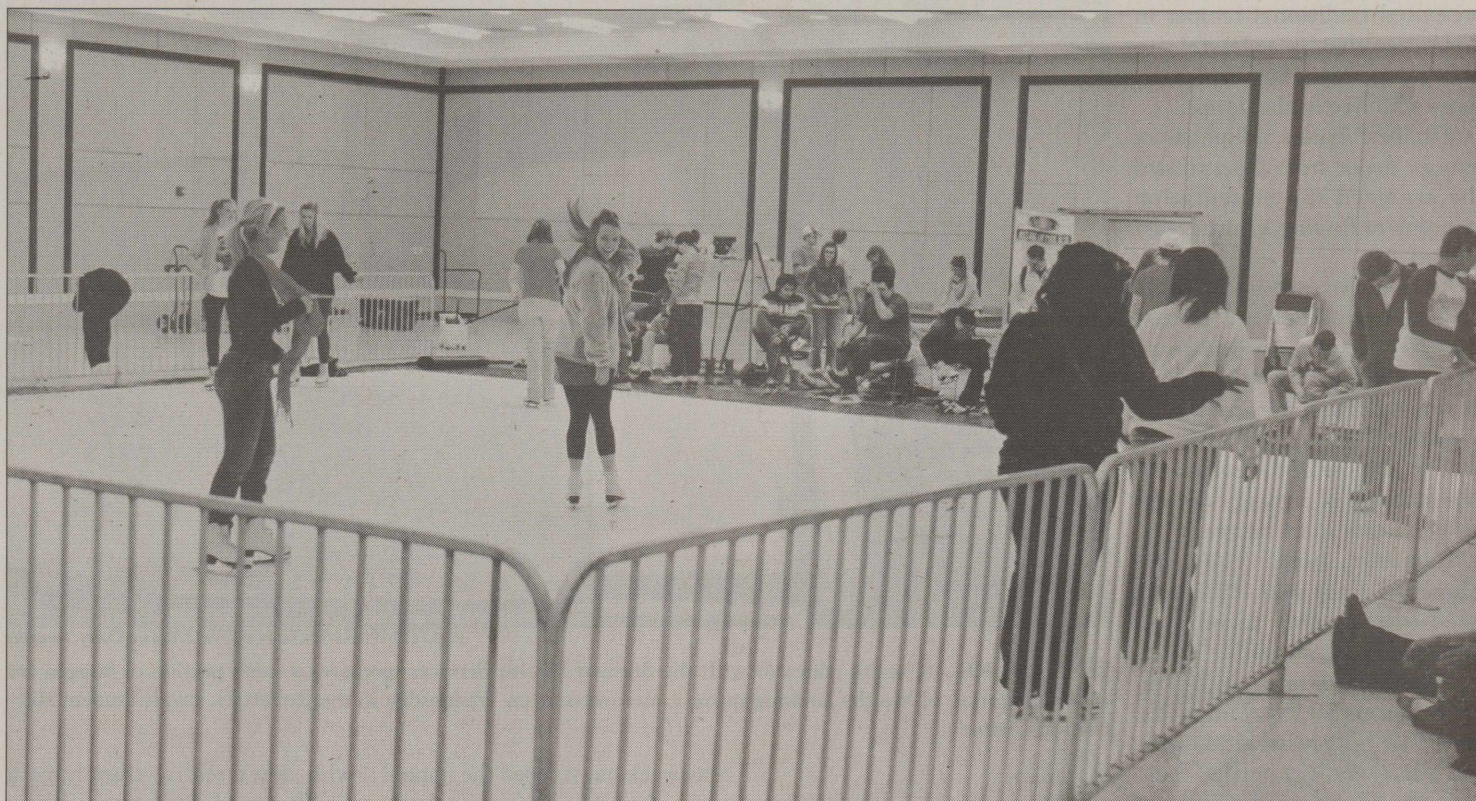


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STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN free ice skating in the Student Union Building Red Raider Ballroom on Wednesday.

open for public skating, figure skating, adult and youth hockey. It would offer another sport to choose from."

The team was looking to become more recognized on campus, as well as

to find anyone who had connections or ideas to help with getting a rink, Burnett said.

Meredith Willingham, a sophomore human development major

from Fort Worth, said she thought the TAB event was cool because of its uniqueness, although she agreed a real ice rink would have been better.

"This isn't the step that's going to (get a real ice skating rink in Lubbock), but it's a good start," Willingham said.

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Paris zoo getting overhaul, will reopen in 2014

PARIS (AP) — For a zoo, it's a quiet and lonely place. Among the few remaining residents of Paris' main animal park are the giraffes — whose long necks make travel inconvenient — and a hippo who was permitted to stay put after she threw a temper tantrum in a shipping crate.

Closed since 2008, and its animals mostly shipped abroad, the aging zoo in Paris' Vincennes woods has been awaiting a badly needed renovation. On Wednesday, officials finally announced a 133-million (\$181-million) overhaul through a public-private partnership, which they hope will create a zoo befitting one of the world's most beautiful cities.

The animal park, officially called the Zoological Park of Paris, will reopen in 2014. In the meantime, "the giraffes will oversee the construction site," said Bertrand-Pierre Gale, who runs France's National Museum of Natural History, which encompasses the zoo.

The zoo has not had major work done since it opened in 1934, and its crumbling displays — including faux cliffs and rocks made out of concrete — eventually became a safety hazard.

"The rocks were deteriorating, and it was getting dangerous for the personnel, the public and the animals," Genevieve Beraud-Bridenne, director of the museum's department of botanic gardens and zoos, told The

Associated Press.

The new design is sleek and aims to recreate animals' natural ecosystems as closely as possible.

A glass-domed greenhouse will replicate an Amazonian rain forest. White rhinos and West African lions will roam on a savanna covered with dry shrubs. Another zone will recreate the rocky terrain of Patagonia, with Humboldt penguins. Ten zones are planned in total.

The zoo will showcase many threatened species, such as several types of lemurs native to Madagascar, among the 1,000-plus animals on display. The priority is the animals' health and happiness: There will be no elephants because there isn't enough space for them.

Clay Aiken takes North Carolina stage for gay rights

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — More than a year after disclosing he is gay, Clay Aiken is speaking before a gay-rights event in his hometown.

Aiken will deliver a speech about gay rights this weekend at the Human Rights Campaign Carolinas gala in Raleigh, The News & Observer of Raleigh reported Wednesday. Actress Meredith Baxter, who recently said she is a lesbian, also will deliver a speech.

The 31-year-old Raleigh native,

pop singer and 2003 "American Idol" runner-up said he wrote his own speech after remarks provided for him proved too political, including a slam aimed at former President George W. Bush.

"I don't feel like this is the place to be horribly politically charged and bash people and talk about the wrongs that have been done," he said. "My goal is to be hopeful, that it's time for everyone to have equal rights."

Aiken says his goal is to urge Ameri-

cans to support equal rights for all. He says that means allowing homosexuals to marry and enjoy rights that heterosexual couples take for granted like inheritance and hospital visitation. Aiken said that goal may take decades.

"It's more important to me, as a parent, that my son have all the rights — if he's gay — than it is for me. I don't want to do anything today that's going to inhibit, or be a detriment to, his rights," he said.

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Event teaches dorm cooking tips

Feed Your Body and Soul Week 2010 presented Going Gourmet on the Cheap with Healthy Microwave Cooking.

Jenna Pool, health educator for Student Health Services, gave students tips on how to cook meals in a dorm-style setting. Pool presented traditional recipes in a manner that is accessible to college-age students, especially those who live in the dorms.

Elizabeth Bailey, a sophomore biology major from Odessa, said she attended the presentation in hopes of finding healthy, easy recipes.

"After this presentation, I will probably have a diet that consists of more than just frozen pizza," Bailey said. "And I am hoping that I will now cook more breakfast."

The purpose of the event is to give students of plenty of options for versatility in nutrition.

"Nutrition shouldn't be a punishment," Pool said. "Students need to remember to be open minded to new things."

Pool demonstrated to the students how to cook certain meals, including microwavable lasagna and a ham and egg omelet. Samples then were passed out to the students for a taste test. Pool also discussed the nutritional value in each of the meals prepared.

She said the point of the presentation was not to push a

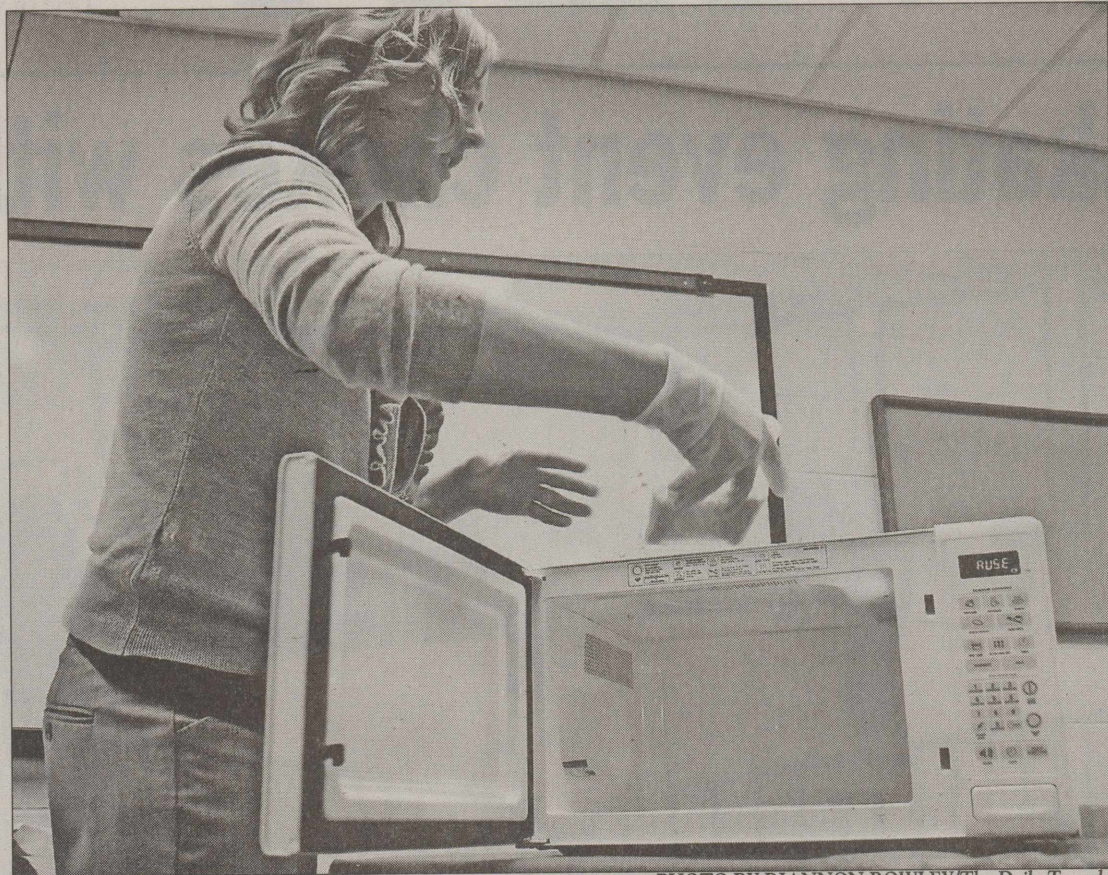


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JENNA POOL, A health educator with the Student Health Services, prepares a small portion of lasagna for a demonstration of healthy cooking using a microwave oven Wednesday in the Robert H. Ewalt Student Recreation Center.

diet plan.

"We are trying to provide students with programs that teach healthy lifestyles," Pool said. "We aren't strictly focusing on weight loss."

She said Feed Your Body and

Soul week has stressed the importance of good body image for both females and males.

"Body image is a really big deal for all college students, it isn't strictly affecting girls," Pool said. "There are still students out there

who don't realize they have a problem, and these events, hopefully, help them realize that."

Recipes and T-shirts were handed out to those who attended the presentation.

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Sheen takes break from 'Two and a Half Men'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — CBS is temporarily halting production of television's top-rated comedy, "Two and a Half Men," following news from Charlie Sheen's publicist that the actor is in rehab and is taking a break from the show.

Publicist Stan Rosenfield announced Tuesday that Sheen has entered a rehab facility "as a preventative measure." He asked for privacy for Sheen, 44, but did not specify why the embattled actor was seeking treatment.

Sheen's bosses expressed support for the actor in a statement that said they were temporarily stopping production of the show.

"CBS, Warner Bros. Television and (Executive Producer) Chuck

Lorre support Charlie Sheen in his decision today to begin voluntary inpatient care at a treatment center," the statement said. "We wish him nothing but the best as he deals with this personal matter."

The statement offered no timetable for when the show would resume taping.

The decision comes roughly two months after Sheen was arrested after a fight with his wife at his Aspen, Colo., home. Prosecutors later charged the actor with felony menacing and misdemeanor charges of third-degree assault and criminal mischief. The most serious charge carries a maximum three-year prison term.

Sheen has not entered a plea and due back in court on March 15.

Assistant District Attorney Arnold Mordkin said Tuesday he hadn't heard that Sheen had entered rehab and couldn't discuss what bearing it might have on the case.

Sheen's wife, Brooke, is also in rehab seeking treatment for an undisclosed reason, her attorney Yale Galanter said Monday. She is still asking that the charges be dismissed, he said.

Galanter and Rosenfield confirmed Monday that Los Angeles child protective services workers visited the actor and the couple's infant sons over the weekend. Galanter and Rosenfield said it was a routine, previously scheduled visit related to the Aspen court case.

Galanter did not immediately

return a phone message Tuesday.

Until Tuesday, Charlie Sheen's legal problems hadn't disrupted taping of "Two and a Half Men," one of CBS' top shows and TV's top-rated comedy.

The show was averaging 14.7 million weekly viewers before Charlie Sheen's arrest. Recent new episodes have drawn nearly 18 million viewers, and 10.6 million people tuned in last week for a rerun, according to ratings released by the Nielsen Co.

"Two and a Half Men," about the romances and family life of two brothers (Sheen and Jon Cryer), is the anchor of CBS' Monday comedy lineup, which also includes "The Big Bang Theory" and "How I Met Your Mother."

Nintendo reveals 2010 game lineup

Nintendo hosted a media summit Wednesday morning in San Francisco to detail the company's video game lineup for the first half of 2010.

The event was filled with news, data and release dates — and man, some of it is pretty exciting.

Hardcore gamers should clear their calendars around June 27 because that's when "Metroid: Other M" will be released for the Wii. This alone was huge news, as the "Metroid" franchise has a history of quality and always manages to turn heads.

This newest game, announced at E3 last year, presents a third-person take on the popular science-fiction universe, which is something we've never seen before. But perhaps more interesting is the fact Team Ninja, the developers behind the successful and frantic "Ninja Gaiden" games are helping Nintendo develop this title. It also looks like it attempts to put more emphasis on the storyline than fans might be used to. Gamers should definitely keep an eye on it.

Another big game shown was "Super Mario Galaxy 2," which, to be honest, seems to mostly be "Super Mario Galaxy" again, only with new levels. Thing is, that's far from a problem, and looks to be a stellar product (pun intended). The original game was my game of the year choice a few years ago, so I hope this sequel lives up. Wii owners can get their hands on it May 23.

It may show how nerdy I am that one of the games that got me most excited at the show was "Picross 3D," which was at long last given a release date of May 3 for the Nintendo DS. "Picross" takes all of the logical fun that people love about Sudoku and manages to make it even more addicting. Players use logic to create pictures in an almost "paint by numbers" fashion on grids of various sizes. Both hardcore and casual gamers should find a lot to love here.

Nintendo also showed off several downloadable games coming to both the Wii and the DSi. Highlights include "Sin and Punishment: Star Successor," a WiiWare sequel to an N64 classic, and "WarioWare D.I.Y. Showcase," which

Britton Peele



promises to take user generated content to a whole new level using "WarioWare's" zany micro-game concept of frantic fun.

A fair amount of third-party games also were shown, and there's good reason to look out for at least a few of them.

"Dragon Quest IX: Sentinels of the Starry Skies" finally makes its way to North America after seeing much success in Japan. The "Dragon Quest" name carries a ton of weight with RPG gamers (almost as much as "Final Fantasy"), and this DS installment looks like it doesn't disappoint. It should be in your hands sometime this summer.

Another Japanese mega-hit, "Monster Hunter Tri," launches April 20. The game, unsurprisingly, allows you to hunt monsters and provides hours of RPG goodness. More exciting is the fact, unlike Japan's version of the game, online play will be absolutely free. So if you've wanted to experience an online RPG for awhile but don't want to pay "World of Warcraft's" monthly fees, this might be a great option for you.

The folks at Ubisoft also showed off "Prince of Persia: The Forgotten Sands," scheduled to be released May 18, right around the time that the blockbuster movie "Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time" starring Jake Gyllenhaal hits theaters. The game is said to be different than the Xbox 360 and PS3 game with the same name, and according to Nintendo will feature cooperative play of some sort. As a huge "Prince of Persia" fan, I'm excited about this one.

There was a lot more announced and discussed at the event, and I'll do my best to delve into the other highlights over at our gaming blog, dtxexperiencepoints.wordpress.com. But it definitely looks like Nintendo is on the right track for 2010. Hopefully they can make the second half of the year strong as well.

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WACO (AP) — LaceDarius Dunn had 23 points, including consecutive 3-pointers after Baylor had gone 4½ minutes without a field goal and a pair of late free throws, leading the No. 24 Bears past No. 22 Texas A&M 70-66 Wednesday night.

Texas A&M (19-8, 8-5 Big 12) had cut what was a 13-point deficit to one when Donald Sloan hit a 3-pointer from the left corner with just over 4 minutes left.

Dunn then hit a 3 from the top of the key, a ball that bounced off the rim several times before finally falling through to make it 62-58. That was Baylor's first field goal since Dunn's floater in traffic gave the Bears (21-6, 8-5) a 56-46 lead

with 8:16 left.

B.J. Holmes hit another 3 for A&M, but Dunn responded with another of his own from the right corner with 3:13 left. That was the last of Dunn's four 3-pointers.

Donald Sloan led Texas A&M with 22 points.

The Aggies were within 67-66 in the final minute when Ray Turner made two free throws after being fouled by Ekpe Udoh, who had just had a turnover following Sloan's twisting baseline jumper.

But Udoh made up for that when he rebounded a miss by teammate Tweety Carter, and Dunn hit two free throws with 17 seconds after being fouled on the same possession.

Sloan then missed what would have been a tying 3-pointer. Quincy Acy was fouled on the rebound with 2.2 seconds left, then made one of his free throws.

Josh Loomers added 10 points and seven rebounds for Baylor, while Udoh and Acy both had nine points.

Bryan Davis had 14 points and 10 rebounds while B.J. Holmes had 11 points for Texas A&M, which had won five of six games with a 78-71 victory over Baylor 2½ weeks ago.

The 201st meeting between the schools located only about 90 miles apart and at different points on the Brazos River was only the second when both were in the Top 25.

Lady Raiders hold off K-State in overtime despite late rally

By SAM NEARHOOD
K-STATE COLLEGIAN

MANHATTAN, Kan. — K-State battled Texas Tech on Wednesday night in a showdown stretching into extra minutes, but the Red Raiders stole the game with a strong display in overtime.

There was charged action on both sides in the first half as the game went back and forth between the two teams. K-State (12-15, 4-9 Big 12) took a small lead, but Tech (17-10, 5-8) stole it away eight minutes in. The Wildcats trailed the Red Raiders 28-23 at halftime.

In the second half, both teams made strong pushes in the first minutes, with K-State rallying to force overtime. Tech had all the momentum in the extra period to win the game 75-67.

K-State head coach Deb Patterson said her team played well in the second half, but not so much in overtime.

"We just didn't play that last five minutes of the game well," she said. "Right now, our decision making is a little scattered."

For the third time this season, senior guard Kari Kincaid had the high score for her team with 18 points and no turnovers. She made half of her field goals and all of her free throws. Freshman guard Taelor Karr nearly had a double-double, scoring 11 points while hauling in a game-high nine rebounds behind 50 percent shooting.

For the Red Raiders, senior guard Jordan Murphree put up 26 points and eight rebounds while hitting the majority of her free throws.

Tech head coach Kristy Curry said she was happy with her team.

"We always want to come out and make sure we're aggressive," she said. "I'm so proud of these kids."

Sophomore forward Jalana Childs kicked off the game with a quick jump shot, followed minutes later by an exchange of runs with both teams making a few buckets to raise the score to 9-7, K-State. They led at halftime 28-23 behind 10 first-half points from Murphree.



PHOTO BY JONATHAN KNIGHT/The Kansas State Collegian

TEXAS TECH GUARD Jordan Murphree scores against Kansas State forward Jalana Childs and guard Brittany Chambers during the first half of the Lady Raiders' win against the Wildcats on Wednesday in Manhattan, Kan.

The Wildcats returned from halftime with better offense, rallying from the halftime deficit to tie the game around the 10-minute mark. At the nine-minute mark, freshman guard Brittany Chambers sunk two, regaining the lead for her team 45-44. However, K-State did not hold it for long after the Red Raiders made a pair of free throws to tie the game 48-48. The game inched forward, and the lead jumped back and forth between the teams, but a layup from Chambers with two seconds left pushed the game into overtime.

Both teams fought hard to take home a win, but Tech drove to

the front behind the leadership of Murphree, who scored all six points in the first four minutes. Kincaid and Karr each sunk two to move their team within six, but the Red Raiders picked up some more points to win the game by eight. Patterson said her team's performance dropped too far to be competitive.

"We just regressed back to wasting possessions," she said. "They were good shots that Texas Tech earned. We were really wasting ours."

The Lady Raiders welcome Oklahoma State at noon Saturday in the United Spirit Arena.

Ginobili's 26 points leads Spurs past Thunder

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Manu Ginobili scored 26 points and made a spectacular block on a would-be Kevin Durant dunk late in the fourth quarter, leading the San Antonio Spurs to a 95-87 victory over the Oklahoma City Thunder on Wednesday night.

Ginobili's crucial block in the final minutes helped stop Durant's streak of scoring 25 points or more at 29 games, and pull the Spurs to a needed victory after returning from their lengthy rodeo road trip with two straight losses.

Durant had 21 points and 12 rebounds. It was the first time the NBA's leading scorer had fewer than

25 points since Dec. 19.

Tim Duncan had 19 points and 15 rebounds for the Spurs, who finished on a 10-2 run after it was tied at 85 with under four minutes left.

No play was bigger in that stretch than Ginobili's block.

With the Thunder trailing by one with just under 3 minutes remaining, Durant corralled the ball after a Spurs miss and raced down the court for what most everyone expected would be an easy fast-break dunk.

But Ginobili flew in from left side just as Durant elevated, stuffing the ball and sending Durant crashing down on the baseline. The crowd erupted for the longtime fan favorite,

whose future with the Spurs seems uncertain with his contract expiring after this season.

One minute later, Ginobili hit his fourth 3-pointer to put San Antonio ahead by five. Durant missed all four shots he took in the fourth, including a 3-pointer in the final minute that ended any hope of a comeback.

Jeff Green had 19 points for the Thunder, and Thabo Sefolosha had 12 points and 13 rebounds. Durant shot 7 of 19 from the field.

Durant's streak of 25-plus point games is a franchise record and was the longest since Michael Jordan's 40 in a row in 1986-87.

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"I couldn't drag her out of Texas Tech, she absolutely loves it," Gary said.

And it can be difficult for Caroline's parents to watch their daughter play, considering the distance between Wisconsin and Texas. So the first time they saw Caroline compete as a Lady Raider had to be special.

In the fall on their anniversary, Caroline's parents took a train to New Mexico where Tech was playing in a tournament in Al-

buquerque, N.M., for three days. Gary said it also happened to be the weekend of Caroline's birthday. So her parents celebrated their anniversary and Caroline's birthday in Albuquerque.

Now Caroline is getting plenty of experience as a freshman on a team with five of them. She is in the No. 5 spot where she is 5-3 in singles play so far this season.

"She is a tough kid," Tech coach Todd Petty said. "She is just a hard worker, nose to the grindstone kind of kid, blue collar, brings it every day, you never have to worry about the effort level. And someone who has gradually gotten better because

of her work ethic, and her determination since she has been on campus."

Fellow freshman Sandra Dynka said Caroline has been a great player on the court and a great friend off the court.

"She's one of my best friends on the team for sure," she said. "She's a quiet one, but I think that she's one of those girls that we always know we can count on, because she never stops fighting."

"She's a key player on this team, because she doesn't lose very often."

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Tech softball working to maintain fast start

By **TOMMY MAGELSEN**
STAFF WRITER

It takes a lot to impress Texas Tech softball coach Shanon Hays.

His team is off to its best start in program history, but Hays said what his team has done already doesn't mean a lot if they don't maintain their consistency.

"I'm surprised that we've won 10 games out of 11 — I am, to be honest," he said. "But I do think we're capable of winning all of the games we go out and play, and that's what's exciting about it. But I also know that we're capable of getting our tails beat, too."

Hays said his team's ability to rebound after the loss to Auburn is what stands out most to him, which is what led to the winning streak.

Tech softball is on an eight-game winning streak after sweeping six games against Maine and Missouri-Kansas City last weekend. The Red Raiders' dynamic start is quite a contrast to last season. It took Tech softball 30 games to reach the 10-win mark last year.

In the 2009 campaign, Tech

finished last in the Big 12 Conference in batting average, ERA, and most importantly, wins. This year, however, Tech is fourth in the Big 12 in team batting average and fifth in team ERA.

Although no conference games have been played yet, Tech is tied for second in overall wins behind Texas' 11.

Tech has seven players batting more than .300 so far through 11 games with 13 home runs. The Red Raiders hit just 13 home runs all of last year.

One of the leaders of this year's team is senior shortstop Leah Legler.

Legler is one of just two seniors on the team, and has only one more chance to go to the postseason before her college playing career is over.

"I'm confident that we will make it to the postseason," Legler said. "And that has been our goal from the start. And no matter what, we are going to make sure that it happens."

Hays was hired at Tech on June 8 after guiding his Lubbock Christian team to a 114-16 record in the span of just two years. Legler said in Hays' short time as head coach for the Red

Raiders, he already has made his impact.

She said the relaxed atmosphere in the locker room helps the team have fun, which is key to performing well.

Legler also said the team needs to make sure to keep taking each game one at a time and not looking ahead or getting ahead of themselves.

"That's how you have to approach it," she said. "Otherwise you might just get too cocky and play to the level of the other team instead of just playing to your best ability, so you've got to take it each game at a time."

Leading the team with a .387 batting average is sophomore Raven Richardson.

Richardson, a transfer from Yavapai Community College in Arizona, also is pacing the Red Raiders with 11 RBIs.

"Coming off of a 15-42 season last year," she said, "it's just, 10-1 to start is a really exciting new thing and everyone is starting to believe that we are as good as everyone is talking, and stuff like that. We just got to prove to everybody how good we are, and we're only going to get better."

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PHOTO BY BRAD TOLLEFSON/The Daily Toreador
TEXAS TECH PITCHER Karli Merlich, throws the ball during the game against Maine Friday at Rocky Johnson Field.

NHL needs to take advantage of Olympic popularity

I wonder if anyone told the U.S. Men's Olympic Ice Hockey Team they weren't supposed to be this good.

Well if they did, the team sure didn't listen.

Through four games it has gone 4-0, with 3-1 and 2-0 wins against surprisingly good Switzerland, a 6-1 beating on the proverbial punching bag that is the Norway team, and winning 5-3 against Canada in one of the biggest upsets of the Olympic hockey tournament so far. The team now moves into the semifinal game and is all but guaranteed a medal in the final round on Feb. 27 or Feb. 28.

Which brings us to the throngs of people who seemed to have tuned into that game. Apparently it was a popular one, despite the fact popularity of the NHL during the regular season generally is eclipsed by the World Series of Poker and actually turning off the TV to clean out the refrigerator.

According to The Huffington

Jon Vanderlaan



Post, the about 8.22 million people on average watching the game was more than last year's Game 7 of the Stanley Cup finals, which garnered about 8 million people on average and was the most-watched NHL telecast in 36 years.

So why did so many people watch this game?

The answer is actually quite simple: For the first time in 30 years, Americans have a good team to rally around that is young, exciting and wasn't necessarily supposed to win — and we love underdogs in the United States.

(And if you do the math, 30 years ago coincides with the 1980 "Miracle" team's Olympic run, al-

though I'm not trying to compare the two totally different teams from two entirely different time periods.)

The only medal the U.S. team has won since that 1980 gold was a silver in the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics, but that team was full of veterans older than 30 and a couple older than 40. And no one wants to see that.

Bobby Ryan, Paul Stastny and Jack Johnson are among the core of young, talented players for the U.S. team who enjoy banging bodies just as much as they enjoy lighting

the lamp. With this new-found, albeit brief, popularity, the NHL would be smart to capitalize on the popularity of the sport as well as the U.S. team.

Tell me, though, how many commercials featuring individual members of the team have you seen in the last two weeks? The answer is none, because they don't exist.

Our Editor-in-Chief Kevin Cullen asked me the other day how he is supposed

to get excited about hockey when he can't pronounce any of the players' names and he doesn't know

any players besides Sidney Crosby and Alex Ovechkin. Antero Niitymäki (nih-tih-MA-kee), Dustin Byfuglien (BUFF-lin) and Ilya Brzgalov (brih-GAHL-off) don't quite roll off the tongue as well as Dustin Brown, Ryan Miller and Tim Gleason.

You would be hard-pressed to find anyone who knew each one of the hockey players mentioned in this column, especially in West Texas. Name recognition is one of the biggest problems hockey and the NHL has these days. Even Crosby and Ovechkin aren't quite household names.

If the NHL was smart, it would market the young, big-name players so they became big-name players outside of the ever-shrinking NHL fan base. (Don't even get me started about NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman's propaganda that says the fan base is growing.)

Pushing individual players in the marketing of the sport would give fans someone to cheer for

when the United States is done playing in international competition this Olympics.

The biggest mistake that could be made by the powers that be is to try riding the popularity of the Olympics without planning an aggressive campaign to attract new fans. Unfortunately, this commissioner has a track record of making big mistakes that permanently harm the game (See: 2004 lockout).

Hopefully they're smart enough to give fans a reason to watch games, through player recognition and focusing on gaining the loyalty of fans, instead of banking on ridiculous rule propositions such as an almost soccer-sized goal to increase scoring. Next thing you know, they're going to add hardwood floors, a 300-yard center-field fence and a set of uprights.

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SPORTS

Tech baseball aims to repeat early success

By ADAM COLEMAN
SPORTS EDITOR

It was a perfect weekend to open the 2010 season for Texas Tech baseball. It even included some stellar pitching and hitting performances en route to a 4-0 start.

But Tech coach Dan Spencer is quick to remind his players that last weekend doesn't mean much if they can't do it again.

"We talk about relentless consistency and just going out and playing well again," he said. "Playing well, doing things right, catching the balls you're supposed to catch, running the picks that we run, executing offensively. Just playing good baseball."

"The more often you do it obviously it enhances your chances of winning."

So consistency will be key in the Brooks Wallace Memorial Classic, which begins when Tech takes on Bethune-Cookman today at 4 p.m. at Dan Law Field.

The Red Raiders also face another opponent from a top-tier conference in Washington State at 4 p.m. Friday, Bethune-Cookman at 4 p.m. Saturday and the Cougars again at noon at Dan Law Field.

Tech is coming off two wins against Jacksonville State and two wins against Michigan in the Red Raider Classic to open the season. The Red Raiders won in impressive fashion for the most part, but players and coaches believe there were a few kinks they had to work out before they got on the field again.

One of the things Tech has been working on this week has been base running. The most glaring mistakes were made in Tech's 4-2 win against Michigan on Saturday.

With that game tied up at two for four innings, the Red Raiders were at times overanxious on the bases,

costing them a few runs earlier in the game.

The mistakes didn't cost Tech the game, thanks to Taylor Ashby's heroics in the bottom of the eighth, but it has been a focus in practice.

"We should improve on that this week," Tech shortstop Joey Kenworthy said. "I think it was a little bit of jittery problem. I think that had a little bit to do with it."

Kenworthy also touched on the Red Raiders' offense heading into this four-game weekend.

In the Jacksonville State game Sunday, Tech scored nine runs in three innings, but the offense slowed a little bit as Jacksonville State climbed back into the game in the later innings.

Kenworthy said Spencer has been reminding players to continue being aggressive on offense throughout games.

Even one of the team's most stand-out players on offense believes he has a few things to work on. Freshman right-fielder Barrett Barnes came away from the weekend with nine RBIs and two home runs on 6-of-15 hitting.

Spencer has been adamant that once news about Barnes gets to other teams, pitchers will be more prepared for the freshman.

"I really want to try and stay on the off-speed pitches more," Barnes said. "I know I'm going to get a lot more of those now in the three-hole. Give more power to the right side and just continue to drive Joey and Michael Reed in and set myself up for Scott Lejune to get some RBIs as well."

The Red Raiders have had an extra few days to prepare for this weekend's games.

Tech was scheduled to play New Mexico on Tuesday at Dan Law Field, but snow forced the teams to postpone the game. It prevented the Red Raiders from getting a shot at a

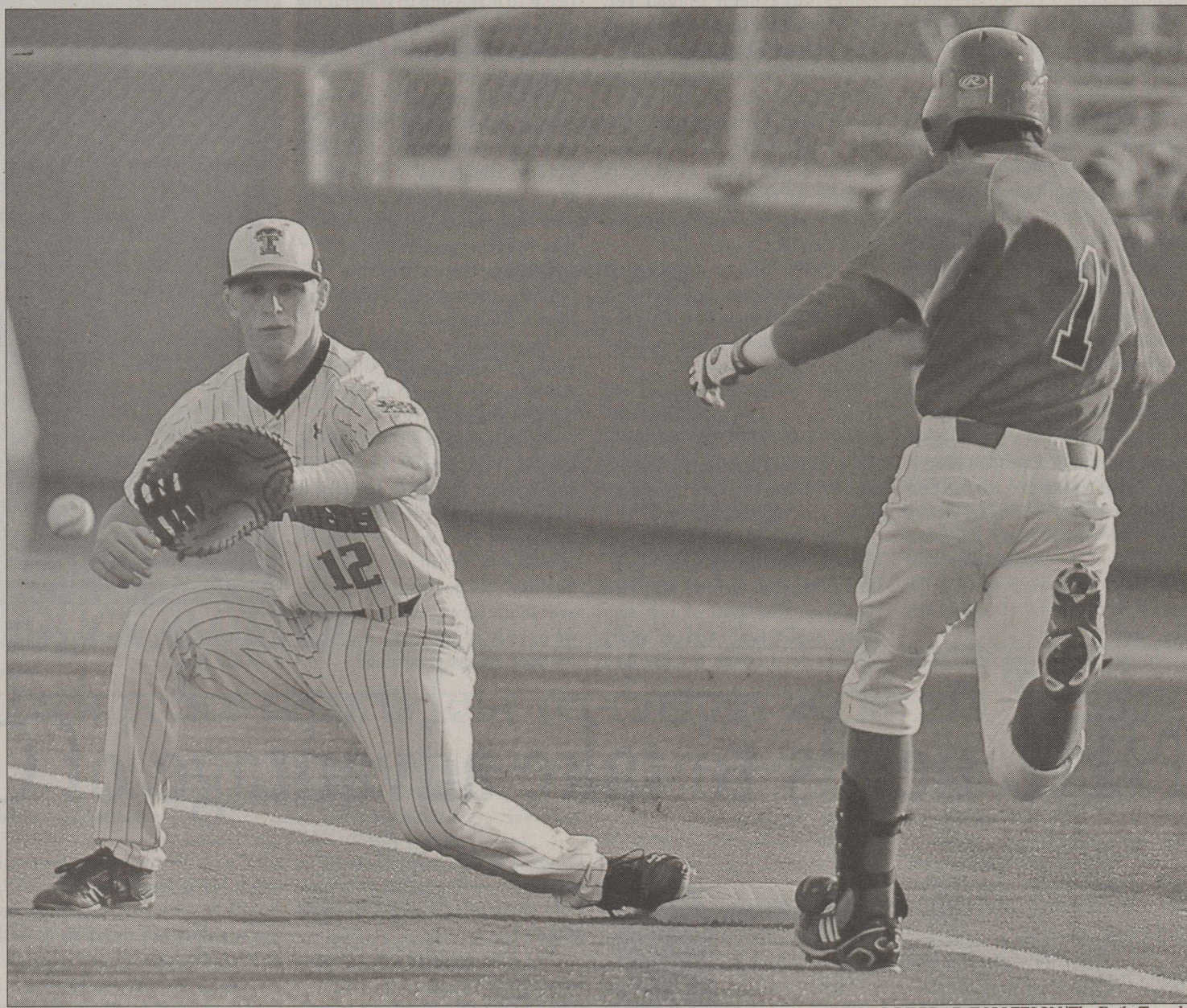


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TEXAS TECH FIRST baseman Stephen Hagen puts out the Gamecock's Blake Sequin during the game against Jacksonville State Friday at Dan Law Field.

Lobo team that turned heads in the college baseball world by taking a series from Texas, ranked No. 1 to start the year.

And starting off well is not new

to Tech. The Red Raiders were 5-1 through the first six games of the season in 2009, and they started 4-0 then as well.

But Kenworthy believes this sea-

son is different.

"I know in the past, we all wanted to win, but the atmosphere and the chemistry wasn't the same," he said. "This year, it feels like all of us are

ready. Not just four or five of us — our entire team, our pitching staff, our defense, our offense, we're all clicking and I think we're all ready."

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Vonn crashes, breaks right pinkie

WHISTLER, British Columbia (AP) — Lindsey Vonn crashed and failed to finish the first run of the fog-shrouded Olympic giant slalom race Wednesday and broke her right pinkie. It was undecided if she would run her final event at the Vancouver Games later in the week.

Vonn lost control around a right turn in the middle section of the course, got twisted around, landed hard on her left hip and crashed backward into the safety netting.

"The course is breaking up at the bottom," Vonn said, holding ice on her finger, adding that her back and shin were hurting, too. "I got a little bit too inside and lost my outside ski. My knee came up and hit my chin. ... I don't know honestly how I hurt my hand."

"I'm just a little bit beat up right now," added Vonn, who also fell in the slalom leg of the super-combined last week. "Things don't seem to be quite going my way."

After being checked course-side for a few minutes, Vonn got up and skied down to the finish.

"I was like a pretzel — so tangled up," Vonn said.

Dr. Jim Moeller, chief medical officer for the U.S. Olympic team, said Vonn had a non-displaced fracture of

the proximal phalanx of the small finger — where the pinkie connects to the hand. He said Vonn, who won the downhill and was third in the super-G despite nursing a badly bruised right shin the entire Olympics, had not decided if she will race in Friday's final women's event, the slalom.

The second run of the giant slalom was postponed later Wednesday until Thursday because fog made it impossible to see the course.

American Julia Mancuso was the next skier down the mountain after Vonn and had to pull up midway through her run because her teammate was still being tended to on the side of the course.

Mancuso, the defending champion in giant slalom, ended up 18th after starting the opening leg again and was visibly angry over the disruption.

While giant slalom is usually Vonn's worst event, she had posted the fastest split times until her crash.

"I was hoping for something today," Vonn said. "I was charging, I was skiing hard. I'm disappointed in myself now that I made that mistake. I can only keep smiling. I know I was skiing well."

Vonn had a difficult starting position, 17th, but was 0.35 second

ahead of the pace by first-run leader Elisabeth Goergl of Austria at the third split, just before the crash.

"She was in contention to win. To put four-tenths on this field from No. 17 is incredible," said Thomas Vonn, the skier's husband, unofficial coach and chief adviser. "You can win 99 percent of the way and not have anything."

After beginning her run, Mancuso was flagged down and had to make her way back up to the top of the course for a later start, which usually is tougher with the course deteriorating as one skier after another comes down.

Restarting is also a physical and mental strain.

"Well now it's time to use that anger and fight second run!" Mancuso wrote on her Twitter account between runs. "That yellow flag in the GS was such... I just want to scream. I'm really miffed. Anyway, gotta take that energy and focus it for 2nd run."

Vonn said she felt "terrible" for Mancuso, a rival since they were kids.

"She's mad, she's frustrated, she's probably mad at me," Vonn said. "I feel terrible, and I hope she understands. I definitely didn't want that to happen."

Prosecutors: Irvin won't face rape charges

MIAMI (AP) — South Florida prosecutors said Wednesday they will not file rape charges against former Dallas Cowboys star Michael Irvin.

A woman filed a lawsuit Feb. 4 in Broward County Circuit Court seeking unspecified damages for a sexual assault that allegedly occurred July 4 or 5, 2007, at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood. The Broward State Attorney's office reported it would not file charges.

The incident was reported to Seminole tribal police on July 20, 2007, but the woman later signed a waiver of prosecution, according to tribe officials.

The Broward State Attorney's office was investigating the claims, but a spokesman said there was no physical evidence because the woman waited more than two weeks to report the incident.

Irvin, 43, is a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame who starred at wide receiver for the Cowboys from 1988 to 1999. The Fort Lauderdale native was also a star in college for the University of Miami, playing on the Hurricanes' 1987 national championship team. Irvin is now an analyst for the NFL Network.

Irvin's attorney, Larry Friedman of Dallas, said Wednesday's announcement was not unexpected, but he and Irvin were glad to hear it.

"We expect the civil case to end the same way," Friedman said. "The allegations have no credibility, and the state attorney realizes that."

Friedman has said Irvin was approached by the woman's lawyer shortly before Irvin was to appear on last season's "Dancing With The Stars" competition. Irvin was told he must pay

the woman \$1 million, according to Friedman, or a lawsuit would be filed to coincide with the Super Bowl, which was being played Feb. 7 in Miami.

Friedman called the lawsuit "civil extortion," saying the woman's entire story is false.

Friedman has filed a countersuit against the woman claiming, among other things, civil extortion and defamation.

An after-hours telephone message left Wednesday with an attorney for the woman filing the lawsuit was not immediately returned.

According to the woman's lawsuit, Irvin got her drunk and took her to his hotel room where he and another, unidentified man insisted on sexual favors. The woman claims Irvin raped her and the other man forced her to perform oral sex.

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